CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	t_2012062612220855386.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1300933.023
Medium:	Computer Image File
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Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	04 November 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable as it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image on the file shows a clothed girl bending over a chair with her legs spread apart. Her face is not clearly visible. She has been posed and her clothing arranged to make her buttocks and genital area the focus of the shot. The image invites viewers to see underage girls as ready for sexual activity with adults and encourages a sexual interest in children.

This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.